

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1976

Introduced by Assembly Member Logue

February 23, 2012

An act relating to healing arts.

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AB 1976, as introduced, Logue. Medical training: veterans.

Existing law provides generally for the training and licensing of health care providers and imposes various educational requirements in that regard.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to assist military veterans who have medical training and education to overcome barriers to licensing and to address issues relating to obtaining credit for health-related coursework and experience they completed while serving in the Armed Forces.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to address the barriers that military veterans with
- 3 medical education and training face in obtaining licensure and
- 4 certification in the following professions:
- 5 Physician assistants; clinical laboratory scientists, technicians,
- 6 and technologists; administrative and clinical medical assistants;
- 7 dental assistants and hygienists; radiology technicians and
- 8 technologists; licensed professional clinical counselors; licensed

1 clinical social workers; community health workers; drug and
2 alcohol abuse counselors; and public health professionals.

3 SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation
4 to address the barriers that military veterans with medical education
5 and training face in obtaining credit in California institutions of
6 higher education for the health-related educational coursework
7 and experience they completed while serving in the United States
8 Armed Forces.

9 SEC. 3. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation
10 to address the financial barriers that military veterans with medical
11 education and training face in obtaining the necessary educational
12 credit in order to qualify for licensure or certification as a health
13 care professional in California.